

Brentwood, Tennessee

# Citizen's Update

Fall 2014

News You Need to Know About Your City



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*Ravenswood Mansion  
Marcella Vivrette Smith Park*



*Grand Opening – 10 a.m.  
Saturday, November 8, 2014*



# Educating Students About Our Environment

The City of Brentwood Engineering Department recently hosted an environmental educational day at Deerwood Arboretum for Junior/Senior level science students from Brentwood and Ravenwood High Schools.

The field trip included hands on education regarding clean water in our creeks and rivers; habitat and ecology of streams and natural areas; the importance of these ecosystems to the animals that live and thrive in them; and the impact human actions and development have on our natural ecosystem.



Approximately 230 students participated in this innovative approach to hands on instructions about our natural environment. Many thanks to the growing number of volunteers in the environmental industry that generously give of their time to provide a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for the students to learn about the environment.

## City Funding for Schools & Recreation Service Providers

One of the primary reasons Brentwood is an attractive place to live is the quality of public education which consistently ranks among the best in the nation. The City of Brentwood provides voluntary, supplemental funding to the Williamson County Schools that are located inside the city limits or have a significant enrollment of Brentwood students. City funding is used to purchase equipment or fund supplemental programs that benefit children over and beyond what is normally funded by the County. City funding cannot be used for on-going educational programs with reoccurring expenses next year.

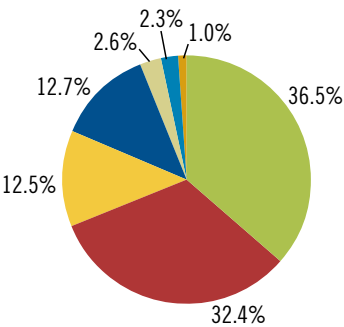
The City of Brentwood’s total contribution to the two high schools, three middle schools, and six elementary schools in the current fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$216,600. Since 1986, the City of Brentwood has contributed over \$4.6 million to enhance the educational opportunities provided to Brentwood students.

In addition, the City makes annual contributions to local service and not-for-profit groups totaling \$87,000 in support of the active recreational programs provided to Brentwood residents. These groups provide youth football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball programs in the City plus programs geared to the needs of senior citizens. This approach benefits the taxpayers by allowing the Parks Department to serve primarily as a facility provider and avoid having to provide active recreation programs. This eliminates duplication of effort and reduces cost for the entire community.

## Your General Fund Budget Summary

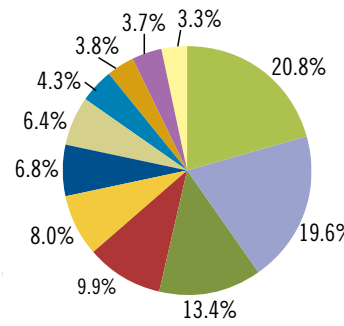
### Revenues by Source FY 2014-15

Revenues	2014-15 Amount	Budget %
Local Sales Taxes	\$12,300,000	36.5%
Property Taxes	\$10,967,000	32.4%
State Shared Revenues	\$4,240,050	12.5%
Other Local Taxes	\$4,305,000	12.7%
Fines/Fees/Service Charges	\$869,100	2.6%
Licenses/Permits	\$774,200	2.3%
All Other (Including Interest)	\$344,000	1.0%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$33,799,350</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



### Expenditures by Source FY 2014-15

Expenditures	2014-15 Amount	Budget %
Police/Emergency Comm.	\$7,058,440	20.8%
Fire & Rescue/Safety Center East	\$6,622,740	19.6%
Public Works/Services	\$4,533,900	13.4%
Debt Service Fund Transfer	\$3,350,000	9.9%
General Government	\$2,690,600	8.0%
Public Library	\$2,297,060	6.8%
Parks & Recreation	\$2,157,995	6.4%
Technology/GIS	\$1,436,105	4.3%
Miscellaneous	\$1,293,065	3.8%
Planning and Codes	\$1,237,640	3.7%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$1,110,000	3.3%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$33,787,545</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

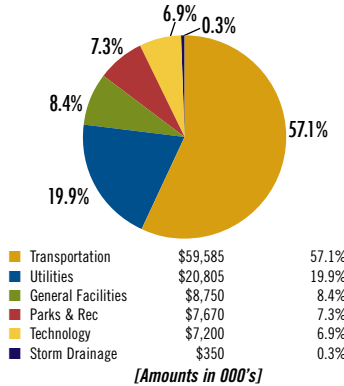


General Government consists of City Commission, City Court, City Manager’s Office, Elections, Finance, Legal Services, Human Resources and Community Relations.

Miscellaneous consists of Insurance/Other Benefits, Education, Economic Development, City Boards and Historic Sites.

## Capital Improvements Program Fiscal Years 2015-2020

The primary focus of this \$104.3 million, six-year program is to address the infrastructure and facility needs for one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Tennessee. The program concentrates on improvements in six areas: General Facilities, Technology, Transportation, Storm Drainage, Parks and Recreation and Utilities. Copies of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are available online at [www.brentwood-tn.org/finance](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/finance) or for review at the Brentwood Public Library and the Municipal Center. Please call Carson Swinford, Finance Director, at 371-0060 for more information.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Brentwood was incorporated as a city in 1969, but its documented history dates from the late 1700s. Some scientists have theorized that what is now the Gulf of Mexico stretched northward to Brentwood millions of years ago, as evidenced by ocean fossils found in the area.

## Congratulations, Ravenwood High School!

The State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) recently announced that Ravenwood High School is one of three state wide finalists to be recognized as leaders in student learning. SCORE recognizes public schools that exemplify how to improve academic performance and demonstrate remarkable success in preparing students for college and careers.

SCORE finalists are selected through an intensive, data-driven process that takes into account everything from state assessment results and growth to graduation and college-going rates.

## City Briefs

### Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 371-0060 or by e-mail at [lynchl@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:lynchl@brentwood-tn.org)**. She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

### Christmas Luminaries December 13, 2014 • 5:30 p.m. (Second Saturday in December)

The City of Brentwood is encouraging the community to join the city in decorating for the holiday season. Christmas lights are a significant part of the spirit of Christmas for children and adults.

Rain date – Sunday, December 14



### Williamson County Recycling Center

Next to Fire Station No. 2  
**1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848**  
7 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Williamson County Convenience Centers Locations

Centers will accept household garbage plus the disposal of brush, metal and construction debris. They will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires. Recycling bins are also available.

#### OPEN EVERY DAY 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Trinity Convenience Center

**3004 Wilson Pike • 794-3904**  
2 miles south of city limits on left  
**Nolensville Convenience Center**  
**1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717**  
.5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

#### Grassland Convenience Center

**1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697**  
.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind the County Volunteer Fire Department

### Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)  
**Franklin Solid Waste Station**  
**417 Century Court, Franklin, 794-1516**  
Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center ..... 371-0060  
Planning/Codes ..... 371-2204  
Water Billing ..... 661-7061  
Water Maintenance ..... 371-0080  
Public Works ..... 371-0080  
Service Center ..... 371-0080  
Police ..... 371-0160  
Fire ..... 371-0170  
Wm. Co. Ambulance ..... 794-2800  
Library ..... 371-0090  
Parks ..... 371-2208  
Emergency ..... 911

### Citizen’s Update

Published semi-annually by City of Brentwood, 615-371-0060. Comments and suggestions should be directed to Linda Lynch, Community Relations Director, or by e-mail at [lynchl@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:lynchl@brentwood-tn.org).



# NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – FALL 2014

## Residential Development

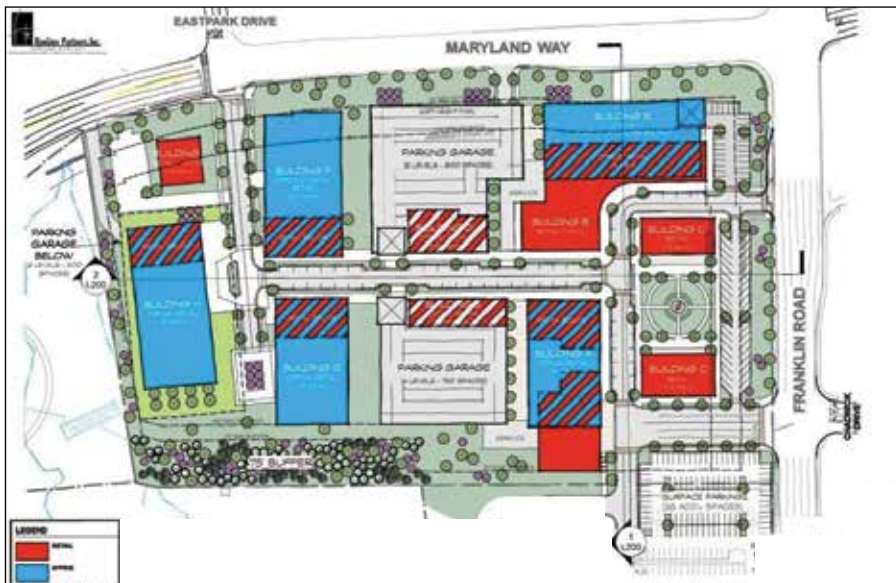
Several new subdivisions and sections within existing subdivisions have been approved over the last several months and are in various stages of development. Some of the projects include Morgan Farms, Taramore, Owl Creek, Glen Abbey, Cromwell, and Whetstone.

The number of single family home permits issued so far this calendar year is on pace with the number issued during the same period last year. Through October 15, 2014 a total of 190 permits have been issued. Historically, Brentwood issues an average of 250 new single-family residential permits per year.

### Valley View Subdivision

In October a preliminary plan for the Valley View Subdivision, located at 503 Wilson Pike was approved. The project is located on the west side of Wilson Pike across from the former Dolphin Club property. The approved plan includes a total of 11 lots, all in excess of one-acre, on approximately 14 acres.

## Commercial Development



Hill Center Brentwood Master Plan - red represents retail buildings and blue represents offices.

### Hill Center Brentwood

HG Hill Reality Company recently received approval for Phase One of the Hill Center Brentwood project. Phase One totals 231,530 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space to be constructed on 17 acres located at the corner of Maryland Way and Franklin Road. A number of offsite traffic improvements are intended to help alleviate some of the traffic conditions in the area.

The entire project will include a total of 600,000 square feet of office, retail and restaurant space, and a total of 2,374 structured and surface parking spaces. Residential units are not included in the project.

The plan also includes construction of a street through the project that will connect the intersection of Maryland Way at Eastpark Drive to Franklin Road at Chadwick Drive.



A view from Franklin Road of the CityPark Brentwood. Mooreland Mansion is in the background.

### CityPark Brentwood

Construction of the six buildings consisting of 39,512 square feet of new retail and restaurant space along Executive Center Drive, continues. The plan also includes a "village green" gathering area in front of the Mooreland Mansion.

The Hilton Garden Inn hotel will have 126 guest rooms. The hotel design is integrated with the historic Mooreland Mansion, ca 1838. The home will be restored and preserved with upgrades and interior enhancements.

The new hotel will front Centerview Drive. Improvements along the street are currently underway in an effort to make the street more pedestrian friendly and to incorporate design features that will reduce vehicle speed. The proposed modifications provide for two 11 foot wide lanes, on-street parallel parking, and a six foot wide sidewalk from Tapestry north to Church Street.

### Nordstrom Rack

In October, the new Nordstrom Rack store, opened in the former Stein Mart location in Brentwood Place.

### Jaguar Nashville

Land Rover Nashville at 3 Cadillac Drive is expanding its building to include the new Jaguar Nashville dealership. The plan proposes a building expansion in addition to exterior building modifications and other site improvements.

### Brentwood High School Performing Arts Center

A new Brentwood High School performing arts center is being constructed adjacent to the existing Campbell Center. The art center will include 486 seats, a lobby, a concession area and restroom facilities. Modifications will be made to parking areas on the western side of the building to accommodate the proposed addition.

### Envirotest Vehicle Emissions Testing Facility

A new vehicle emissions testing facility, located at 273 Wilson Pike Circle opened in early summer. The site provides six vehicle testing bays. A new dedicated southbound right turn lane from Wilson Pike Circle will aid in the access circulation within the site.



The Tractor Supply Corporate Headquarter is on Virginia Way in Maryland Farms.

### Tractor Supply Corporate Headquarters

Work on the Tractor Supply corporate headquarters buildings has been completed. The two four-story office buildings include a leasable area of 260,000 square feet connected by an atrium and a 952 space parking garage. The site includes approximately 17 acres south of Virginia Way in Maryland Farms. The project is part of the Virginia Springs development which includes two lots having an area of approximately 31 acres. Two additional office buildings totaling 214,000 square feet will be constructed on the adjacent 14 acre lot. The campus is designed to complement the adjacent 24 acre Margaret Hayes Powell Park. A walking trail connecting Virginia Way to the park has been constructed as part of the site development.

### Tapestry at Brentwood Town Center

Construction continues at the Tapestry at Brentwood project located on Centerview Drive. Building Two, which is located closest to Brentwood Place will be the first building ready for occupancy. The entire project should be completed in early 2015.

### Firestone Complete Auto Care

The Firestone Complete Auto Care facility is currently under construction at 7029 Church Street East. The plan includes construction of a two-story building having an area of 9,800 square feet.



## 2020 Plan Update

The full results of the first community survey were received earlier this summer and are available on the [www.brentwood2020.com](http://www.brentwood2020.com) website. A second community survey will be mailed by early November. The second survey is designed to dig deeper into a limited number of issues that seemed to be most important from the results of the first survey, including traffic concerns and senior housing.

Citizens can always get up to date information from the 2020 Update project web site, including the final report from the first survey, with over 100 pages of written comments. Also, videos from all previous 2020 Update community meetings are available for viewing on the project web page.



# Grand Opening – Marcella Vivrette Smith Park



Entrance Sign to Marcella Vivrette Smith Park, 1825 Wilson Pike.

The City of Brentwood is excited to announce the November 8, 2014 10 a.m. grand opening of our newest and largest city park—Marcella Vivrette Smith Park. The community is invited to enjoy this picturesque park in its natural state, largely forested with abundant wild life, nature trails and the spring headwaters of the Little Harpeth River. The park also includes the beautifully restored antebellum Ravenswood Mansion built in 1825.



Roughly 75% of the land is wooded and has hillsides and scenic valleys.

Smith Park originally known as Ravenswood Farm, located on the west side of Wilson Pike, south of Split Log Road, significantly increases the amount of quality, permanent open space in the community. The City of Brentwood purchased 320 acres in December 2010 and purchased an additional 78 acres of adjacent Ravenswood Farm land in October 2013. The addition expanded the park to almost 400 acres for public use and enjoyment.

Roughly 75% of the land located in the western area of the park is wooded and has both hillsides and scenic valleys. This area remains in a natural state with about 9 miles of hiking trails. A multi-use trail connects the park to adjoining neighborhoods and the City's main trail system along the Little Harpeth River.



The majority of the park is in its natural state with about nine miles of hiking trails.

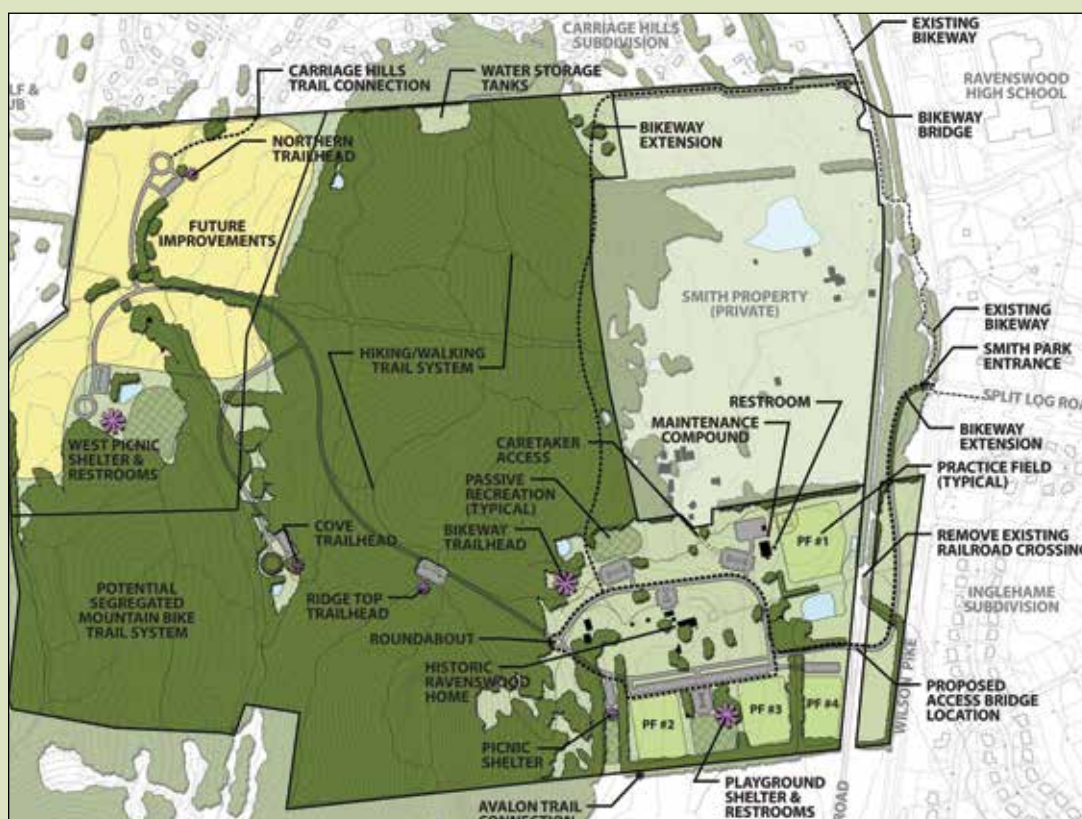
Besides the trails and restoration of Ravenswood Mansion, Phase I of the park development focused on construction of the core infrastructure needed for public access and use of the park, including an access road and bridge over the CSX railroad with a parallel paved multi-use trail that will enter the park from a new signalized, four-way intersection at Wilson Pike and Split Log Road. Improvements also include a limited internal roadway, parking improvements, and extension of water, sewer and other utilities to serve the property.




A bridge was built over the CSX railroad for safe public access to the park.

Smith Park will continue to develop over the next 6-8 years. Other improvements will include practice athletic fields with no lights, picnic facilities, restrooms, parking lots, etc. As Brentwood and the Cool Springs area builds-out in the next 10-15 years, Smith Park will become an increasingly important green space in the center suburban development. For additional information about Marcella Vivrette Smith Park go to [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks).

## Smith Park Master Plan



  
*The City of Brentwood*  
*invites you*  
*to*  
*the Grand Opening*  
*of*  
*Marcella Vivrette Smith Park*  
*1825 Wilson Pike*  
*Saturday, November 8, 2014*  
*10 a.m.*



## Plan Your Special Event at Ravenswood Mansion

As part of the Phase I improvements at Smith Park, the City undertook a complete restoration of the Ravenswood Mansion, which was built in 1825. This project included restoration of the original elegant rooms, the grand entryway and the charming back porch while still providing modern amenities including a fully functional catering kitchen. This beautiful home is rich in history and charm and offers the ideal venue for weddings, receptions, corporate parties and other special events. Anyone interested in renting the Ravenswood Mansion can view the website, [www.ravenswoodmansion.com](http://www.ravenswoodmansion.com), or contact Amanda Bledsoe at 615-371-0060, [bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org).



Photo by: Joy Marie Studios



## BRENTWOOD PARKS UPDATE

The Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. With the temperatures falling and the leaves changing color, fall is a great time to enjoy the City's park land and greenways. The City encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your "community backyard." With the emphasis on good health and physical fitness today, it is good to know that use of our passive park facilities, including bike/walking paths, is available for free.

### Some exciting projects occurring this fall include:

#### Granny White Park

The ball fields will have a lighting upgrade that will begin in mid November and be ready for the spring sport season.

#### Flag Pole Area Park Master Planning

This project provides for the master planning, design and development of a 24-acre park dedicated to the City in FY 2011 as part of the approval for Phase 2 of the Mallory Park commercial development. The land is located between the CSX railroad on the west and I-65 on the east, and south of Winkle Road west and General McArthur Drive. The land is divided into two tracts. The southern tract with vehicle access through the Mallory Park commercial development will be used for active recreation purposes including unlighted athletic practice fields with parking and restroom facilities. The northern tract adjacent to Winkle Road west is targeted for more passive use by nearby residents.



Master planning of the park and engineering design of improvements are planned to begin fall of 2014 (FY 2015) with construction of park improvements expected to begin in summer of 2015.

For more information about the Brentwood Parks, visit [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks) or call 615-371-2208.



## Google Names Brentwood 'Tennessee's eCity!'

The City of Brentwood has been named the 2014 eCity of Tennessee. Google's eCity Awards recognize the strongest online business community in each state. Google stated that Brentwood's businesses are embracing the power of the web to find new customers, connect with existing clients, and fuel the local economy.

According to Google, Brentwood is rich with technology firms and WiFi-enabled cafes. In addition to other local content, the city's online portal links to tax and licensing info, municipal codes, and even livability information.

Google and an independent research firm analyzed the online strength of local small businesses in cities in all fifty states. The city with the highest scores in each state was designated a Google eCity.

The City of Brentwood, as the 2014 eCity Award winner for Tennessee, joins the ranks of America's leading cities in the digital economy.

## Kenrose Earns Prestigious National Blue Ribbon Status

National and state education leaders recently honored Brentwood's Kenrose Elementary School, as part of the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Kenrose was one of six Tennessee schools recognized by the program. The selection process includes interviews with educational officials, school demographics and years of student performance data.



## BRENTWOOD BOARD of COMMISSIONERS



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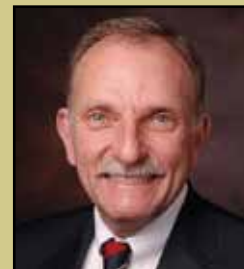
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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 5, 2015.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor are City Commissioners appointed by their fellow board members after each election to serve for two-year terms.

Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way.

## CITY OF BRENTWOOD INFORMATION

### ON THE WEB

- **www.brentwood-tn.org** for City & Planning Commission agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast and other city information;
- **www.explorebrentwood.com** – “Shop in Brentwood” businesses and community information
- **Facebook, Twitter** and/or **Nixle** – keep up with important information from the city; to join us, go to [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org) for more information

### CABLE CHANNEL 19

- **City & Planning Commission Meetings – Rebroadcast**  
~ Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- **Continuous City Information** – Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.

### COMMUNITY GUIDE 2013-2015

‘Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!’ available at Brentwood City Hall, Library and on the City’s website, [www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide).



## AAA Bond Ratings

The City of Brentwood places the highest priority on operating the municipal government in a financially sound manner. In September, 2008, Brentwood became the first government in Middle Tennessee to receive the highest bond rating possible from two major credit rating agencies, Moody’s Investors Service (Aaa) and Standard and Poor’s (AAA).

The City of Brentwood is among a unique group (2%) of the local governments in the USA today having an AAA rating with a stable outlook. This rating makes our bonds attractive to investors and allows the City to receive the most favorable interest rates. This is very important in today’s unstable investment market where credit quality is king. The rating agencies cited the City’s strong financial management practices, solid financial reserves, diverse tax base, the extremely strong wealth and income levels in the community, and low overall debt burden as criteria for the high ratings.

## CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

When reviewing the results from the first 2020 Plan Update community survey conducted last spring, I don’t think it came as a surprise to anyone that traffic topped the list of concerns from Brentwood residents. While the overall survey results were very positive, with 98% of respondents indicating they were either “Very Satisfied” or “Satisfied” with the quality of life in Brentwood, we all know that traffic has been and will continue to be an issue we have to address.

Addressing traffic in Brentwood is challenging for a number of reasons. First, our location between Nashville and Franklin/Cool Springs means that a fair amount of our traffic comes from drivers either passing through Brentwood or coming and going to our surrounding neighbors. Thus, even if there were never another new house or commercial building built in Brentwood, our traffic problems would still get worse. Second, Brentwood is geographically split by an interstate highway that forces all of our east-west traffic to use just a couple of main roads. Third, all of our main roads (Concord Road, Wilson Pike, Franklin Road, and Moores Lane) are state routes, so any improvement projects on those roads requires coordination with and usually funding from the TN Department of Transportation. Finally, our chosen land use pattern with commercial development concentrated on the north and south edges of town means that much of our traffic uses the same few roads to get to and from the same place at the same time each workday.

Given that the interstate isn’t going to move and we are not going to start allowing commercial developments to be built next to or in our residential neighborhoods, what do we do? First, we

## New High-Speed Emergency Notification System

### Help Us Keep You Informed of Emergency Situations

Williamson County and the City of Brentwood announced in October that emergency notifications for all of Williamson County are now being provided by a single vendor, Everbridge Inc. The City of Franklin is already using Everbridge’s notification system. This change improves the ability to rapidly mass-notify residents about emergencies, and gives residents greater control over the process.

### All Brentwood residents are asked to do the following:

- Go to the Brentwood, [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org), or the Williamson County, [www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov](http://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov), websites for a link to Everbridge
- Create an account to receive emergency alerts
- Provide addresses of interest (home, work, parent’s home, child’s school, etc.)
- Provide phone, text, and email addresses for your alerts
- That is all that needs to be done to receive emergency alerts. Residents can then also select any non-emergency alerts they wish to receive (weather, traffic, events)

### Important facts about the new notification system:

- It works with any type of phone line, text, email, or TTY/TTD hearing impaired line
- Phone numbers from the previous notification system have been provided to Everbridge; however, notification preferences, locations to monitor, other contact information, etc. must all be set up by the resident in the Everbridge system
- Some residents with phone-over-internet, such as Comcast, may not have registered in the old system and should create an account with Everbridge to be certain

The City and County have decided to change to Everbridge based on the company’s ability to notify tens of thousands of residents in a matter of minutes, and its ability to custom-deliver messages to residents based on the notification preferences you determine. Everbridge, a multinational company providing emergency communications to over 50 million people, was lauded last year when their services were deployed in the wake of the Boston bombing.

More information about the system is available on Williamson County, [www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov](http://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov), or Brentwood, [www.brentwood-tn.org](http://www.brentwood-tn.org), websites.

have to accept that at peak travel times there is going to be traffic in and around Brentwood. Whether we want to admit it or not, traffic is one very tangible sign of economic vitality. If traffic ever ceases to be a concern, it likely means we have more serious economic problems. Second, regional transit has to be part of the long-term solution for the traffic problems throughout the Nashville region. What form of transit (bus rapid transit, commuter rail, light rail, etc.) and how is it paid for are important questions that are going to be discussed more and more in the next few years. It is important that the Brentwood community be part of that discussion. Finally, the City of Brentwood has to be very strategic in how it spends its relatively limited funding for transportation improvement projects over the next 5-10 years.

In the second 2020 Update community survey coming to your mailbox very soon, you will have the opportunity to provide some input on how the city should plan and prioritize its spending for future transportation projects. There is no single, easy answer, but I hope all of you will take the time to provide your input for consideration by the City Commission.

Kirk Bednar,  
City Manager





## Financial Management Recognition

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 28th year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 22nd consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are understandable by the public and essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for your review at our website [www.brentwood-tn.org/finance](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/finance). Bound copies are also available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library.

## Upcoming Road Improvements

**CONCORD ROAD EAST PROJECT – PHASE II.** These improvements will address substandard road conditions on this State highway from Sunset Road to Nolensville Road. Improvements will be similar to the recently completed work from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road. Construction began in late calendar year 2013 and is expected to be complete by May 2016. This project will also extend the 10 foot wide paved bikeway/pedestrian trail from Sunset Rd to Nolensville Rd.



*Concord Road Project between Sunset and Nolensville Road*

**CONCORD ROAD PROJECT – PHASE III.** Phase III of Concord Road will upgrade the last substandard section of this State highway from Jones Parkway east to Arrowhead Dr. Construction is expected to begin early in 2015 and take approximately one year to complete. This phase will include an improved three lane section of roadway with a separated, 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the south side of the road that will extend to Wilson Pike and a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition and 20% of the construction cost with over \$3 million in federal transportation funds covering 80% of the construction cost.

**FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH PROJECT.** Improvements will include widening Franklin Road to five lanes from Concord Road to just south of Moore's Lane. The project will include a separated 10 foot wide multi-use pedestrian/bikeway trail on the east side of the road. The City is paying 100% for engineering design and ROW acquisition with State expected to fund utility relocations and road construction. Right-of-way appraisals and acquisitions have started and will be completed by July 2015.

## Water & Sewer Services

### *Water Capacity Projects*

The Belle Rive/Granny White Pike water system improvements project consists of replacing and upsizing water lines. The larger lines have been installed, and the next steps will be testing, completing final connections and repaving the road. The Murray Lane and the Johnson Chapel Road water station improvements project consists of replacing two water pumping stations with a completion date of summer 2015. Both projects are intended to increase the water system efficiency and capacity to better meet the growing demands of Brentwood customers.

### *Sewer Capacity Projects*

The Water Services Department continues its efforts to investigate, identify and correct failing sewer infrastructure in order to reduce system overflows and increase system capacity. The program includes a comprehensive, \$30 million dollar corrective plan that is aimed at eliminating sewer overflows by reducing storm water infiltration into the sewer system. To date, the program has been very successful, removing approximately 700 million gallons annually of infiltration and inflow or surface and/or ground water and reducing the overall cost of transportation and treatment of wastewater.

Other department projects include implementing an Asset Management program. This program is intended to minimize the cost to own and operate water and sewer infrastructure and help to ensure sustainability of infrastructure and reduce future cost of operations and capital.



## BRENTWOOD SPECIAL CENSUS NOW UNDERWAY

The city is in the process of conducting a city-wide special census in order to determine an accurate count of the number of residents now living in Brentwood. The primary benefit of this effort is to increase Brentwood's amount of state-shared revenues that are distributed by the State of Tennessee to cities on a per capita basis, which lessens our dependency on property taxes to fund basic services.

The local census is different from the Federal Census in that the only information collected is the name of all residents, including children, at each address. For those households that have not responded yet, the City is conducting further follow-up efforts. Residents may also visit the City's website ([www.brentwood-tn.org/census](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/census)) to complete the census form online. For more information or questions call the City at 615-371-2204.



*L to R: Allan Cain (CFAI Commission Chairman), Engineer John Russ, Lt. Neal Menanno, Lt. Cody Johnson, City Manager Kirk Bednar, Fire Chief Brian Goss, Lt. Derek Hyde, Asst. Chief David Windrow, Lt. John LoPiccolo, Lt. Jim Roman and Chief Randy Bruegman (CPSE President)*

## Congratulations! Fire Department Accreditation

This past August, the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department was awarded Accredited Agency status through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. The Fire & Rescue Department is one of only 200 agencies worldwide, and only five in Tennessee, to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency status.

CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and enhancement of service deliveries to their communities.

The achievement of accredited status demonstrates the commitment of the department to provide the highest quality of service to our community. The CFAI's process has been used as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of this organization and identify areas where we can improve on the quality of the services provided.

The accreditation term is for a period of five years during which the fire and rescue department will be required to file annual compliance reports. The agency must then re-apply and be re-assessed for Accredited Agency status at the end of the five-year term.

## Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act

The City of Brentwood is strongly committed to complying with the provisions of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Right Act which states: *"No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."*

If you have any questions on this act, please contact the Human Resources Director at 615-371-0060.





## Congratulations to Our Water Services Department!

The Brentwood Water Services Department won the Outstanding Overflow Abatement Award, granted by the Water Environment Association, commending the department for the city's proactive, ongoing sewer rehab program to reduce sewage overflows caused by excessive rainfall entering the system.

Over the last seven years, the Water Services Department has rehabilitated approximately 32 miles of sewer lines, 1400 manholes, and 320 sewer services under the Sewer Rehabilitation Program. The amount of rain water that enters the sewer system has been reduced nearly 40 percent and reduced wet weather overflows by approximately 80 percent.

Congratulations to our Water Services Department!



## Fire Safety House

This past July, the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department acquired a new Fire Safety House (FSH) educational trailer that will be made available for school presentations beginning with this year's Fire Prevention Month activities in October.

The former fire safety house had been the most popular fire prevention/education program offered. Since its purchase in 1995, it had been used to conduct over 500 educational events serving nearly 30,000 children and adults across Williamson County.

The new unit is custom built with the latest technology including warming interior doors to teach children to feel for heat before opening, sprinkler head props, a fireplace prop and a stove-top cooking fire prop.

This trailer also contains unique features for those with physical disabilities including a bed shaker and special smoke alarm for the hearing and visually impaired. For the first time ever, an ADA compliant floor plan and integrated ramp will provide all-inclusive access to children confined to wheelchairs.

The new safety house was purchased using a FEMA grant covered 90% of the cost with the City paying the remaining 10%.

The Fire and Rescue Department is extremely excited about this new education vehicle. We look forward to providing fire safety and prevention education to tens of thousands more in the years to come.



## Cool Springs House

The Cool Springs House in Crockett Park is a unique place in Brentwood to hold a special event. Although historically oriented, the first floor of the house has facilities to accommodate parties, receptions and other gatherings. A portion of the second floor has a large conference room and is an ideal setting for workshops and business retreats. For more information go to [www.brentwood-tn.org/parks](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/parks); anyone interested in renting the house may contact Amanda Bledsoe, 615-371-0060 or via email at [bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:bledsoea@brentwood-tn.org).





### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Mon., Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m.**

Don't miss out on one of Brentwood's most cherished traditions! Join us for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, with music, holiday treats, a special dedication by Mayor Betsy Crossley and readings of the *Polar Express*. The readings are at 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. (free, but tickets required).

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### Morning with Santa

**Sat., Dec. 6, 9 a.m.**

Visit with Santa (bring your camera)

Magic Shows offered at 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30

**FREE, but tickets required**

All tickets available in the Children's Library on Monday, November 17



## Library News

### The Teaching Station

The Teaching Station is another new and exciting change at The Brentwood Library. The Teaching Station includes an all-in-one touchscreen computer, which the reference team uses to show patrons how to use various library resources. Patrons can learn firsthand how to reserve meeting rooms, access resources, search databases, use downloadable audio and eBooks, magazines, music, and more. The Teaching Station has provided a quick and effective way for staff to familiarize patrons with the library website and the many resources the library provides.

### Virtual Reference Library

Reference is jumping off the shelf at The Brentwood Library! With nearly 5,000 authoritative, full-text electronic titles available through Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL), patrons can now access articles from home or at the library on one of three new eRef stations. Patrons can access a variety of subjects from the arts to literature to science. It also includes travel, business and health resources, so whether traveling for business or writing a research paper, GVRL has something for everyone.

### StoryCorps

StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, and millions listen to broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition. Last year the Brentwood Library was selected as a recording location for local oral histories when the Nashville Public Library received a grant from the StoryCorps@your library program. In September, StoryCorps returned to Brentwood. The themes for this year's recording sessions were Brentwood History and Mothers & Daughters. Brentwood residents visited the library to have their stories recorded and share their experiences. Each recorded story has been preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

### Brentwood Children's Library Recognized Nationally!

The Brentwood Library was recognized in early September by Neatorama as one of the "8 Children's Libraries That Make You Wish You Were a Kid Again." The following was noted in their article: "Perhaps one of the most visually impressive children's libraries in America, the Brentwood Library's children's area features a charming entrance adorned in oversized books and a massive storybook tree. Inside, the walls are covered in paintings of fairytale forests and between the rows of books are charming artificial trees."

The City of Brentwood is excited by this latest national recognition of our library. This is only possible through a longstanding commitment to having the very best community library in the nation.

## BRENTWOOD CHIPPER SERVICE

**Fall is always a busy time for our chipper service.**

**Please help us serve you better:** Stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and limbs/stumps greater than six inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.

**ALERT – Absolutely no trimmings cut by commercial companies will be accepted – trimmings must be hauled away by the companies doing the trimming.**

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information, contact Brentwood Public Works, [www.brentwood-tn.org/pw](http://www.brentwood-tn.org/pw) or 371-0080.

